

Rotary Club of Kenton-on-Sea - President's Induction Address 2026 / 2027

- Honoured guests, fellow Rotarians, partners, friends and my Family
- Good evening and thank you for joining us.
- A special thank you to PP Bruce for formally inducting me this evening.
- It is both a privilege and an honour to stand before you tonight and accept the Chain of Office.

I would like to Acknowledge and thank PP Bruce Steele-Gray :

- Bruce has served both our Club and Rotary with distinction over many years.
- He was the founding President of the Rotary Club of Kenton-from 2008 to 2010.
- He went on to serve as Assistant Governor from 2013 to 2016.
- District Governor from 2016 to 2017.
- Delegate to the Council on Legislation from 2018 to 2021.
- He has also attended Rotary conventions in Lisbon and Singapore.
- Bruce agreed to return as President of our Club for the 2025 / 2026 Rotary year.
- We are fortunate to have a strong and active Rotary Club.- With 46 active members, Kenton is well known and respected throughout the District.

Bruce has been flying the Kenton Rotary flag since 2008. We have established projects, meaningful community programmes and a proud record of service.

Bruce, on behalf of all our members, thank you for your leadership, guidance and commitment not only over the past year, but over many years.

Present Bruce with Rotary pin

My Rotary Journey

- My Rotary journey began in 1982 when I met a Rotary Exchange Student while at university.
- One of the highlights of my life was being selected as part of a Rotary Group Study Exchange team to California in 1993. This was a life changing experience for me.
- Around 2007, I was invited to become a founding member of this Club.
- Over the years, I served as Secretary under a number of Presidents (10 I think!).
- Eventually, I agreed to become President...
- ...on one condition:- that I would never be asked to be Secretary again!

Rotary's theme for 2026 / 2027 is: CREATE LASTING IMPACT

- Rotary is known not by what we say, but by what we do. Rotarians are people of action.
- As Rotary founder Paul Harris said: "Whatever Rotary may mean to us, to the world it will be known by the results it achieves."
- Our MOTTO is Service Above Self
- It is both a privilege and a responsibility to serve our communities in order to CREATE LASTING IMPACT .

The Rotary Family

- Rotary is about service, but it is also about friendship.
- The relationships we build within this Club are just as important as the projects we undertake.
- My hope is that we continue to be a Club that serves with enthusiasm
- After all, Rotary should be rewarding, meaningful and fun.

I would now like to introduce the Board for the 2026 / 2027 Rotary year.

Closing

- Thank you for the confidence you have placed in me.
- I hope we will support one another.
- And embrace new opportunities to serve.
- Let us not lose sight of why we joined Rotary in the first place.

Together, let us continue to CREATE LASTING IMPACT.